



## **Spain & Portugal High School March 2025**

Travel Dates: March 15, 2025-March 23, 2025

### **March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Fly overnight to Lisbon.

### **March 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Take a walking tour of the age-old Islamic Alfama district of Lisbon, which included 16<sup>th</sup> century aristocratic palaces and churches.

### **Day 3 - March 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Take a tour of Lisbon. With your expert local guide, you will see:
  - Tower of Belém, from which many navigators set sail.
  - Padrão dos Descobrimentos, (Monument to the Discoveries,) a series of statues commemorating the many explorers of Portugal.
  - Jerónimos Monastery, a monastery built by King Manuel to honor the country's great voyagers.
  - Castle of São Jorge, served as the royal palace and home of Torre do Tombo National Archive.

### **Day 4 - March 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Travel via Évora, a Roman town lined with whitewashed houses and colorful azulejos, on your way to Seville.
- Take a guided tour of Évora, a walled town that is home to the Praça de Giraldo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit the Chapel of Bones, a 16th century place of worship decorated with bones and skulls.

### **Day 5 - March 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Take a walking tour of Seville. With your Field Director you will see:
  - Visit the Plaza de España, The Spanish Steps in Seville.
  - Visit the Seville Alcázar, an architectural wonder originally founded as a fort for the governors of Seville in 913.
- With your Field Director you will see:

- Giralda Tower, part of the Great Mosque of Seville and transformed with Renaissance stylings by the Catholic Church.
- Torre de Oro, an Islamic watchtower.
- Plaza de Toros de Maestranza, Seville's famous bullring.
- Participate in a flamenco dance lesson.
- Attend a flamenco show.

### **Day 6 - March 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Travel via Córdoba to Madrid.
- Visit the Mezquita, the cathedral of the Diocese of Córdoba dedicated to the Assumption of Mary.
- Tour Córdoba with an expert local guide.

### **Day 7 - March 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Take a guided tour of Madrid. With your expert local guide, you will see:
  - The Royal Palace, the official residence of the Spanish royal family.
- Independent exploration: Spend a half day exploring Madrid on your own.

### **Day 8 - March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Visit the Prado art museum, behold paintings like Velázquez's Las Meninas and Goya's paired canvases.
- Take a walking tour of Madrid. With your Tour Director you will see:
  - Puerta del Sol, the heart of the city, and travel back in time to Spain's Golden Age at Plaza Mayor, where you'll learn about this grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions.
  - Plaza Mayor, the center of old Madrid where you'll learn about the grand square's history of bullfights, royal weddings, and public executions.
  - Mercado de San Miguel.

### **Day 9 - March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Depart for home.